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The Honorable Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan
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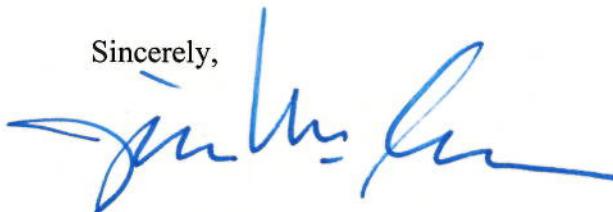
Dear Mr. Sablan:

I have long admired your steadfast determination in ensuring the residents of the Northern Mariana Islands – especially those suffering from hunger and food insecurity – have access to nutritious food. I appreciate this most recent update about the SNAP pilot program initiated by the 2014 Farm Bill.

House and Senate Agriculture Committee leaders are currently working to reconcile the differences between the House and Senate-passed Farm Bills. As you noted, this process is in its final stages. Given that, it is right to look for other opportunities to advance the goal of bringing the Northern Mariana Islands into the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Should stand-alone legislation to achieve this goal be necessary, please know I am happy to support your efforts. In the past I have cosponsored legislation you have introduced to bring the Northern Mariana Islands into SNAP. Should you plan to reintroduce similar legislation that would permit the Northern Mariana Islands to participate in SNAP upon certification from the Secretary of Agriculture, please know I'll continue to support this effort.

Again, thank you for your incredible leadership in expanding access to food in your district. I look forward to continuing our work toward ending hunger once and for all.

Sincerely,



James P. McGovern
Ranking Member
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